so, what are the salient features and if not, by when it is likely to be finalised and what are the reasons for the delay;

(b) whether Government have finalised the drugs to be placed under price control, if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of drugs have been steadily increasing during the past three years and if so, what has been the comparative price increase of fifty most essential drugs used in large quantities in the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKAN SINGH YADAV): (a) The review of the Drug Policy 1986, after due examination is at an advanced stage and modifications needed would be announced after finalisation of the decisions in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Since drugs are basically manufactured commodities, some element of price increase over a time period is inevitable due to increase in costs of inputs and general inflationery situation. The price increase in drugs and medicines as compared to all commodities as reflected by the Wholesale Price Index during the last three years is as enclosed. as Statement.

Statement

(Base Year 1981-82=100)

Year	All Commodities		Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	
	Index	%increase	Index	%increase
1991-92	287.3	(13.74)	159.8	(6.82)
1992-93	228.7	(10.05)	170.5	(6.70)
1993-94	251.1	(9.79)	192.4	(12.84)

(Figures in brackets show %age increase over the previous year).

Dabolim Airport

*167. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of delay in handing over of area near the Dabolim Airport gate held by the Navy to the Civilian Authority for the expansion of Domestic/International Airport;

(b) what amount is proposed to be paid by the Civil Aviation Department to the Indian Navy for shifting this gate to alternate site; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the approach road to new proposed gate will not cross the runway which is against international civil aviation norms?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter has now been settled betweeen National Airport Authority (NAA) and Indian Navy. NAA are now to pay an amount of Rs. 33.22 lakhs to Indian Navy for shifting Hansa Gate to alternate site.

(c) The Gate and approach road are outside the operational area and it will not cross the runway.